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The Week of Prayer.

Human power is limited. Life itself is of short duration. Opportunities for usefulness are dependent upon birth, station, ability, a thousand circumstances beyond the power of man to influence.

He who is born of humble parents, whose gifts are few, cannot expect to move the world. The traits of the fathers will tell.

Beyond this there are limitations arising from the conditions of the age in which we live. Freedom of thought and action were not possible in the age which produced a Charles V. or a Philip the Seclife is circumscribed, by his surroundings. The literary quality cannot be developed amid the incessant toil of the galley-slave, nor religious feeling aroused in the haunts

us, God's hand shuts us in, as it did Noah, in the ark, to some lowly life which we

The life of nations is circumscribed. The great English nation may not be musical, artistic, art-loving, like the Ital ian; nor vivacious, excitable, enthusiastic like the French. The patient German, the stout and vigorous Englishman may plod together but each has his field of action. Viewed as religionists each is limited to his sphere. There are no two nations which can see alike, act alike, think

Christianity as a world-conquering power has likewise been limited. A few nations have accepted it, but among them, many individuals reject it. In Madagascar and the Sandwich Isles it has shown wondrous growth. Japan has yielded to its influence. A narrow fringe of light shows its presence along the shores of China and India, Arabia and Africa; but after all, how limited its sway! A few years ago, one of the Missionary societies published a diagram exhibiting the work of missions. It showed merely a spot of white in the blackness of the world's darkness. This was held out as the result of nearly nineteen centuries of work. The power of man to propagate the gospel is limited by wealth, by strength of body, by his adaptability to climatic changes, by the slow ability of degraded savages to grasp truth, by the prejudices of mankind against a new religion; by in the cold. the love of sin.

Looked at from the human side the redemption of the world would seem a dark and intricate problem, scarcely possible within many centuries. Yet today there are more churches in the world than ever, more school-houses, more hospitals and asylums; more freedom of thought, more willingness to learn, more of the spirit of prayer.

United in thought and feeling, the church devotes a week to prayer, that what is impossible with men may become possible through the power of an Unseen worker. Our limitations may teach us humility; they should also teach us faith. Who knows that the sunlight which causes the grass to grow, and brings forth springtime and harvest, may not typify an influence which shall soften individual hearts, and prepare the evil for an unusual expansion of the truth? Who knows that the attitude of prayer, looking up as the child looks to gather blossoms as they fall, may not be better than the wearisome sowing of tears? May not prayer be answered in accordance with general laws? The world has grown old and weary; but it is not yet too old to pray.

President Cleveland was lately asked to contribute his autograph to the attractions of a Catholic Church fair at Phillipsburg. He responded by sending a beautiful steel-plate engraving of the White House, beneath which is the President's signature. Accompanying this was substantial sum of money.

Jersey Congressmen.

Mr. Carlisle has announced his Committees, and the members from New Jersey have fared pretty well, considering that with the exception of Messrs. Phelps and McAdoo, they are all serving their first term. Mr. McAdoo will probably consider himself quite a warrior, as he is on the committee on naval affairs and also on Militia. It is unfortunate he is not allowed to wear a uniform. A combination of army and navy blue would look well on McAdoo. Hires, of Warren County, can devote himself to peaceful arts as a member of the Committee on Agriculture, and on Manufactures.

Pidcock, the sweet and savory member from Hunderdon, is on the Committee on Railways and Canals and also on Invalid Pension. Only a strong, healthy pension could be expected to escape alive if Pidcock got after it.

Wm. Walter Phelps is on the committee on foreign affairs, where he will have an opportunity to restrain Mr. Blaine's impetuous enemy, little Perry Belmont, who has succeeded in hoisting himself into chairmanship as the successor of Gov. Curtin.

Judge Green of Union Co. is on the great and important committee of elections, before which all contests for seats are brought. It will be interesting to observe his vote on the question of admitting Frank Hurd of Ohio, a free-trade Democrat, who, having failed of an election by the votes of his constituents, now hopes to secure his seat and especially his salary by the votes of his partisans in

Buchanan of Mercer is on the committee on claims. Unless matters have changed in Washington very recently Buchanan will have enough to do and will fully earn are found in the children. He is a chip his salary. Just now the Democrats are of the old block, it is said. Family char- claiming everything. Lehlbach of Essex acteristics are not easily overcome. Blood | is on the Committee on patents, and also | Apples and Potatoes by the barrel. on reform of the Civil Service. Why not combine these two committees and let Mr. Lehlbach take out a patent for a new Civil Service Reform for the exclusive use of President Cleveland? No other Democrat wants Civil Service Reform ond. A man's thought is compelled, his of any sort, so there would be no danger of infringements from that side of the house. Plainly, Mr. Lehlbach has a great opportunity to render the country valuable services in this direction.

It will be seen from the above that Conscience curbs us, family traits rule | Speaker Carlisle has practically put the affairs of the country into the hands of our Jersey Congressmen, but, as four of them are Republicans, "the country's

> Our former townsman, Wm. R. Weeks, Esq., has been nominated by Mayor Haynes as a member of the new board of Fire Commissioners in Newark.

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